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An ORATION *Spoken on Queen* CAROLINE's *Birth-Day at* Bridge-Town, *in* Barbados, *March* 1. 1733.

JOVIS OMNIA PLENA.

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THIS being the Birth-Day of our great and good QUEEN CAROLINE, the bright Beams of whose Glory have not only shin'd o'er the dark and distant Parts of the Earth; but have inspir'd your Printer with a panting Desire to bring his small Offering of Love, Duty, and Allegiance, to the Honour of so Illustrious, Royal, Gracious, and Blessed a Princess. And tho' it be but small, like the Drops of Honey in the Hebrew Sacrifices, by way of a Peace-Offering; it is humbly hop'd it will be kindly accepted by the Worthy Gentlemen present, that we may mutually rejoice in being bless'd by indulgent Heaven with so excellent a QUEEN, to preside over us; a Monarch, the very express Image of the Queen of Heaven, the glorious Bride the CHURCH, which our dear Redeemer purchas'd with his own most precious Blood; a QUEEN which the Royal Psalmist most elegantly and beautifully describes after the following Manner; *The King's Daughter is all glorious within: Her Clothing is of wrought Gold.* This is applicable to our QUEEN, who was prophecy'd of by that holy Prophet and Martyr, *Isaiah*, when under the Heavenly Afflatus, viz. *Queens shall be thy Nursing Mothers:* A QUEEN that is a Blessing to all about her, and under her; in every Feature resembling [as far as visible Things can shew forth Invisible] the Glorious Bride cloathed with the Sun, having the Moon under her Feet.

This is the Portraiture of Royal Majesty, who by her Example; by her delighting to encourage Learning and useful Knowledge, and giving due Honour to the Merit of Great, wise and good Men, has often constrain'd me in Extacy to cry out, "O Immortal Princess! *Many Queens have* "*done vertuously; but thou excellest them all.* I'll "declare thy Glory to the Rulers of thy People.' But here I recoil and faint! ------- What, shall a groveling Glow-worm attempt to describe the Lustre of a Star of the first Magnitude? or a Piece of rotten Wood (which only glistens in the Night,) pretend to illustrate the Lamp of Heaven, the SUN? Surely No.------ Yet as every Thing animate or inanimate proclaims its first Cause, I shall humbly breath forth what Words cannot express, by the Noble Ideas of a Great Author;

SHE is;---but WORDS are wanting to say What:
THINK all that's Great and Glorious, SHE is That.

And now, Gentlemen, I come to the several Points propos'd in former Papers. As our blessed QUEEN is a dear Lover of what tends to the Welfare and Pleasure of her Subjects, I thankfully rejoyce I have this sweet Opportunity to offer a Specimen of what may be of great Service to her dutiful and loyal Subjects here: And who knows what these Things may come to? Great Things have been brought forth from the meanest Instruments. History relates that small and unusual Things have done Wonders. I've read of Places freed from a close Siege by casting of Bee-Hives from the Walls on the Besiegers. *Prusius*, by *Hannibal*'s Council obtain'd a notable Sea-Victory, by casting Earthen Pots fill'd full of venemous, living Creatures into his Enemies Ships. The Great Historian *Speed* tells us, that the Noble Order of the Knights of the Garter, who at their first Instalment are made Companions for Royalty it self, was entirely owing to King *Edward* the Third's Dancing with the beautiful Lady *Joan* Countess of *Salisbury*, her Garter falling off, the King took it up; at which the Nobles smiling, the King seriously said, *It should not be long before there should be Sovereign Honour done to that Silken Tie:* Accordingly the Garter is made an Ensign of Royalty in the King's Arms to this very Day. A thousand Instances may be given in my Academical Lectures to be set up this Month or next, of which this is but a small Beginning.

But to proceed to an Instance of the Learning and Method I design to teach it. In Order to begin, we must go backward to our A, B, C, and learn Natural and Divine Philosophy from their Nature and Sound.

First, from their Sound, which being the Essence of all Harmony, they declare thus much; A, B, C, that is, Look upon a Bee, Behold this Glorious Insect in its outward Form and Internal Quality: Methinks I hear this Angelick Creature singing a Hebrew Song, by the Labeals of that Tongue, and by a Hum--- proclaim as follows;

Read A, B, C,
Behold then a Bee,
Who sucks the Dew of Heaven;
Pray view my Coat,
I'm an Insect of Note.
By me, Food of Angels is given.

My Garment behold,
Like Velvet and Gold,
You know my industrious Behaviour;
Yea more, at my Death,
When I'm slain by Hell's Breath,
An Emblem I am of your Saviour.

Dear Sirs, pray discern
(What Angels may learn)
My Words you may rely on,
If you really wou'd see
My fine Pedigree;
It is from a Noble Lion.

Nor is this Heterodox Doctrine which we may discern by Reading A, B, C, since Naturalists tell us that Honey-Bees are engender'd from the Carcass of a Lion. I think this is asserted by my Lord Bacon, whose Busto is lately set up in her Majesty's Hermitage. This seems to be corroborated by Holy Writ, in the Figurative Story of

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Sampſon's Riddle, *Out of the Eater came forth Meat, out of the ſtrong came forth Sweetneſs*, pointing and typifying as it were, the Life and Death of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Honey was an Offering to Heaven, teaching Divine Myſteries in Philoſophy. The bleſſed Land of Canaan was portrayed by the ſtrongeſt Delineations of Nature, as *a Land flowing with Milk and Honey*. Yea, further, it was prophecy'd of our dear Lord, by the Prophet aforeſaid, *Butter and Honey ſhall he eat, that he ſhall know to chuſe the Good, and refuſe the Evil.* I ſhall hereafter acquaint you what Diſtempers Honey can cure, taken as Food and Phyſick. I have known it do Wonders, when the ableſt Phyſicians have given the Patient over. Thus much for the Sound of A, B, C; and ſince Sound is ſuch a Preacher, let us make a joyful Sound of Muſick, on this Birth-Day; for Muſick has a Divine Original, ſince we read the Prophet of Old call'd for a Muſical Inſtrument, and BEHOLD the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. Let Chearfulneſs cover each Countenance, and nothing but Love and Gladneſs poſſeſs each Soul.

But to come to my ſecond Point; that is, how your Printer propoſes to learn your ſober Youth the Tongues by a Pack of Cards. And firſt of all he deſigns to print upon the Cards, the ſeveral Letters of the Greek, as *Alpha*, α *Beta*, β *Gamma*, γ *Delta*, δ *Epſilon*, ε &c. the ſeveral Accents, Graves, Acutes, Circumflexes, &c. and after dealing out the Cards, I call for an *Alpha*, then the next for a *Lambda*, λ then the third muſt play a *Phi* φ then the fourth muſt play another *Alpha*; but if the Perſon call'd upon has not the Letter call'd for, he forfeits a Bean, [* not a Blue Bean, Gentlemen, for then there muſt be quarrelling, fighting and Blood.] I then philoſophize, and ſhew the Signification of the Letter *Alpha*, as it is the Name of the Great Author of all Things. When I treat of the Caſes, and Numbers the Greeks have, I thus familiarize 'em ſaying,

The Greeks *have* Numbers *three, and but* Five Caſes,
The Dative *for the laſt moſtly in Place is.*

From Letters, I proceed to Words, and call for Sentences, ſuch as ανθρωπος αγαθος ἐστι δοξα πατριδος A good Man is the Glory of his Country; even till I make thoſe who are willing to learn, ſo far Maſter of the Greek, as to underſtand the Holy Scripture in its Original Tongue.

I afterwards proceed to teach the *Hebrew*, and call for an *Aleph*, א and next a *Beth*, ב which ſound like our A, B, AB, then reading theſe two Letters backwards, as the *Hebrews* always do, they produce BA, which makes *Abba*, אבא Father, a ſort of *Hebrew* Prayer. I then call upon my Pupils for the Word אביב *Abib*, which is the Name of this Month our Glorious QUEEN was born in. *Cicero* calls it a Month which *yeilds Hope to Mankind*, or to uſe his own Words, *quod ſpem præbet hominibus*. And indeed I have Reaſon to believe ſo, ſince the learned *Buxtorf* tells us, this Month was ſo called from a Bearded Ear of Barley, which always ſprouted this Time, promiſing Peace, Plenty, Power and Strength. And who knows what a *Bearded Orator*, in a Bearded Country, whoſe very Name has a Beard, and a Queen born the very firſt Day of the Firſt Month, nam'd from the Beard of a Vegetable made by the Right Hand of God, may bring forth? for the ancient *Hebrews* being under a Theocracy, that is, Divine Government, ſaw *God All in All*, and their Philoſophy was drawn from the minuteſt Things in Nature. I propoſe to illuſtrate this in ſucceeding Lectures, beginning this Month, inviting all thoſe who are willing, to attend freely, and without the leaſt Demand, till their own Profits may chance to command Returns. But thoſe ſhall be but very ſmall. I want no great Things: If I can ſerve you, I have my Ends; whether in *Phyſick*, *Divinity*, *Philoſophy*, &c. you're ſure to have a Friend, to ſhew you the Nature of Things, and to diſcourſe on every Thing gradually, while Strength permits, tho' there is no End to Knowledge.

From the *Hebrew*, I wou'd teach the *Chaldee*, &c. which are the very ſame Letters as the Hebrew exactly, and would call for the *Aleph*, *Nun* and a 2d *Aleph*, which with their ſeveral Points or Pricks pronounce *Ano*, which ſignifies a Woman. I purpoſe in my enſuing Lectures, to be more copious. You may ſee by this ſmall Specimen, what may be done to thoſe who are willing to learn: *Ex ungue Leonem*, a Lion is known by his Claw. But before I proceed on thoſe Things, I invite our young Gentlemen to attend my Philoſophical Lectures twice a Week, early in the Morning, at my own Chappel, to prevent hindering of Buſineſs, when I ſhall diſcourſe, upon the Cauſes and Effects of Things. I have a Thouſand Subjects to treat of for their Improvement and Delight, before I can get the Characters from *England*, which coſt but a Trifle, conſidering the Advantage may be gain'd thereby. I have nothing but Love and Good-will to every one. I honour Government, reverence the Clergy and good Men, and God knows my Heart, I ſtudy the Good of Mankind Night and Day: If you Gentlemen, accept my Offering of Love, 'twill be like Marrow to my Bones. I know I have Gentlemen of Learning and Penetration, to deal with, and that I ſhou'd be a Fool to attempt to deceive. I propos'd to have the Characters of the Learned Tongues in this Oration; but they muſt be deferr'd till another Opportunity for want of Time, when every Gentleman may have this Oration *gratis*, after a few Days. I likewiſe propoſe about *Chriſtmas*, to inſtruct you with a Magical Entertainment, when the Greek and Hebrew Letters ſhall dance along before you in the Room. And now I mention Dancing, let us with Muſick and Dancing celebrate this Glorious Day; for I can't but believe Dancing in Moderation, may be a very uſeful Exerciſe, and lawful for Chriſtians to practice with Prudence. *David* danced before the Ark: The very Orbs of Light are in a circular Dance, as ſome Aſtronomers tell us, and our very Blood and Spirits may be ſaid to dance and keep Time, when we hear any good News. I muſt own my dancing Days are over; but yet I humbly hope I ſhall not take up the Complaint of Old *I have piped and ye have* not danced; therefore let us rejoyce and ſing, *This is a joyful Day indeed*, which

* This Sentence included thus [ ] was not ſpoken in the Oration.

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was the Song at our good Governour's happy Arval here, (to which my Heart joyn'd in Chorus,) who I believe is ſent by Heaven to do us Good. And now laſtly to proceed to an Account of my Loan-Office, which thrives daily: It brings its own Evidence; and like a rich Diamond, 'tis known by its Luſtre. Scores of Perſons have been already reliev'd; Hundreds, even Thouſands may bleſs the Contrivance: And thoſe wiſe good Men who have already aſſiſted, and others who have promiſed their Aſſiſtance, which is very likely to be 20000l. will find the Sweetneſs of it. They have full Security in Hand, lawful Intereſt without the Plague and Hazard of Loſs, or diſobliging their *Quondam* Friends, beſide God's Almighty's Bond; for *he that gives to the Poor lends to the Lord*: and by lending freely, you give them [under God,] the Comforts of Life; & tho' it may ſeem ſtrange that 20000 l. can produce a Million, I ſhall make ſuch a Calculation no Mathematician can diſprove, that is,

If 20000 l. be lent out upon Gold, Silver, &c. which bear an Intrinſick Value, only for a Month, a Million of Money may be lent in 4 Years and 2 Months, paying it backwards and forwards. An Hundred Pounds is 1200 l. lent in the Year, after this Rate. I have known a Twenty Shilling Bill pay 60 l. Debts in 3 Hours Time, by paſſing from one to another. I put the Loan-Office upon the ſame Foot; if one Borrower borrows 20 l. and pays it in again, another Borrower receives it, and there is 40l. lent, and if a third, fourth, or Fifth Borrower has it, there is 100 lent by this 20. By this Rule, If 20000 l. be lent out in Six Weeks, a Million will be lent in 5 Years, 9 Months, and if 20000 l. be lent in 12 Weeks, a Million may be lent in 12 Years, 6 Months. And indeed, Sirs, the Gentlemen who have already aſſiſted, and others who have promiſed their generous and Godlike Help, can very eaſily advance ſuch a Sum. All able good Men are invited into it. This Scheme is ſo well laid, the Devil himſelf, had he human Shape, would bluſh, be aſham'd and confounded, in attempting to controul it. With Joy, for the Honour of this Day, I mention theſe Things, which will be ſent home, and laid before Authority, and ſome of the moſt learned there for their Inſpection. I have nothing more at preſent but to add, GOD preſerve and bleſs our Good Great, and Glorious King and Queen, the Royal Family, our good Governour, and all that are near and dear to them, and let every honeſt loyal Soul ſay Amen.

I've ſtill a Word more, without any Jeſting,
Remember the Poor in the midſt of your Feaſting;
I heartily wiſh, each Poor and each Negro,
(For in God's Creation they'r *Pars ex integro*)
Might alſo rejoice---- then Heaven and Earth
Would doubly rejoice for Good CAROLINE's
Birth.